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“Who Do You Say I Am”

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Matthew 16:13-16 – “ When Jesus had come to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They said, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He then asked them, “But who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!”

WE are bombarded with information, thoughts and questions every minute of every day. Most of which is not critical or life altering. The ONE question that IS critical – the most important question ever asked was asked by Jesus Himself: “Who do YOU say I am?” On that question hangs your entire life...How you will live it and where you will spend it in eternity...No other question is even close in importance...everything hangs upon how you answer it.

Jesus as the World Defines Him

A Good Man

A Moral Teacher

A Spirit Guide

A Socia Justice Warrior

A Good Example and Advocate of Love and Acceptance

Jesus as the Bible Portrays Him

Messiah or Savior – Genesis 3:14-15 / Isaiah 7:14; 53:4-6, 10 / Jeremiah 23:5-6 / Matthew 1:20-23 / Mark 10:45 / John 3:16 / Romans 1:16; 10:13 / John 1:3 / Colossians 1:15-17

Creator – Genesis 1:26-27 / Hebrews 1:1-2; 8-10

God – Colossians 1:15 / John 1:1; 8:56-59; 10:30-33 / Isaiah 43:10-11

Jesus made it irrevocably clear who He was and why He became a man...

CS Lewis put it this way: “I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: ‘I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God.’ That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse.”

Alister Begg: “Those who follow Christ must be committed to the Bible’s truth. Christianity is more than a moral code. It’s more than a framework for living or a method to improve one’s life. Where is the cross in that? Christianity is distinct from all other religions in that we hold fast to Jesus’ death on the cross as our means of reconciliation to God. We were once dead in our sins, deserving of God’s wrath and judgment—but He redeemed us through Christ’s perfect life, atoning death, and victorious resurrection.”

It does not matter what the unbelieving world thinks about Jesus or who He is...what matters...what really matters...is who you think Jesus is...and it matters because, as Peter preached it Acts 4:12 “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

So how do you answer the question “Who do you say I am?”